

## **Region 8 UIC Program Dewey-Burdock Formal Consultation Letter Talking Points**

### **Background**

The Region 8 UIC Program has received Class III and Class V injection well permit applications for the proposed Dewey-Burdock uranium in-situ recovery site from Powertech. This site is located in the southern Black Hills 13 miles northwest of Edgemont, South Dakota and is approximately 45 miles from the western border of the Pine Ridge Reservation. The Class III injection wells are related to uranium recovery; the Class V injection wells are deep wells for the disposal of treated process wastewater. The surface area that will actually be impacted by the uranium ore processing plants, the 14 proposed uranium in-situ recovery well fields, the 4 proposed deep injection wells, treatment and storage ponds, roads and other surface-disturbing facilities is less than the 10,580-acre project area.

The Region 8 UIC Program mailed out letters to all Region 8 Tribes inviting formal consultation on the proposed Dewey-Burdock uranium in-situ recovery site. These letters were mailed November 25, 2015 addressed to tribal leaders. Electronic courtesy copies were emailed to the tribal environmental director and Tribal Historic Preservation Office or cultural resources contact.

In the letter, the EPA requests a response by **December 11, 2015** as to whether or not the Tribes want to engage in formal consultation with EPA. The letter also inquires as to whether the Tribes would like to set up a consultation meeting. Background information about the proposed Dewey-Burdock project including five figures was enclosed with the letter.

### **Talking Points**

Did you receive the letter?

Are you interested in engaging in formal consultation with the EPA regarding the proposed Dewey-Burdock project?

Would you like to have a meeting or conference call with the EPA?

Who would be a point of contact for your tribe to set up the meeting/conference call and for future communication? *Name, phone number, email address*

Are you interested in having an informal “inform and educate” web conference to get more information about the Dewey-Burdock site or provide information to the EPA?

### **Concluding remarks**

The EPA will continue to communicate with your Tribe about future consultation opportunities related to the Dewey-Burdock project.